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A U.S. Air Force U-2 aircraft on a routine ferry mission to the United States crashed at 4:25 P.M. EDT today approximately 350 miles south of Utapao, Thailand in the Gulf of Siam.

The aircraft, which had been assigned to the USAF in Thailand was redeploying to its home base of Davis Montham Air Force Base, Arizona via Guam and Hawaii. The aircraft was not on a reconnaissance mission.

A search and rescue mission(SAR) is in progress from Utapao Air Base, Thailand.

The cause of the crash is unknown.

*Note:*

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7:00 p.m. EDT by CINCPAC  
in Honolulu.*